

In the Specification:

(Referring to the line numbers printed in the margin)

Please **add** a new heading at **page 1, above line 1**, as follows:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please **add** a new heading at **page 1, above line 4**, as follows:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 1, lines 4 to 6**, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

The invention relates to a circuit arrangement for operating at least one light-emitting diode. ~~diode according to the preamble of patent claim 1.~~

Please **add** a new heading at **page 1, above line 8**, as follows:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 1, lines 30 to 34**, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

A number of circuit arrangements ~~[[is]]~~ are known for operation with a 230-volt a.c. voltage, in which ~~[[the]]~~ each light-emitting diode is respectively supplied ~~[[each]]~~ with the correct phase via a full-wave rectifier circuit ~~[[cp-]]~~ (see DE 23 04 620, JP 08137429, DE 200 02 482 U1, DE 100 54 212 ~~[[A1-]]~~ A1).

Please **add** a new heading at **page 2, above line 1**, as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 2, lines 1 to 7**, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

As, however, in particular for use in automotive supply systems, ~~[[also]]~~ short-circuits cannot be excluded, a circuit arrangement for operating at least one light-emitting diode according to the ~~preamble of patent claim 1~~ general state of the art shall be further developed to enable ~~indicated, which enables~~ the reliable and durable operation of the light-emitting diode also with short-circuits and ~~which can also~~ to be able to be manufactured at low costs.

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 2, lines 9 to 10**, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

The object is achieved in accordance with the invention ~~by the features of patent claim 1.~~ as disclosed herein.

Please **add** a new heading at **page 4, above line 4**, as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 4, lines 21 to 22**, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

Fig. 3 shows a general operating principle in case of a ~~short-circuit.~~ short-circuit, and

Please **add** a new paragraph at **page 4, after line 22**, as follows:

Fig. 4 shows the circuit of Fig. 3 in a subsequent switching cycle.

Please **add** a new heading at **page 4, above line 24**, as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AN EXAMPLE EMBODIMENT OF THE  
INVENTION

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